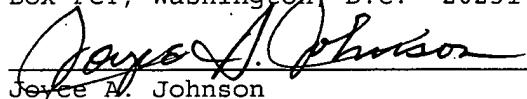


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPONDPURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated January 27, 2000.

Accordingly, the response date has now been extended to March 27, 2000.

Applicant is a large entity; accordingly submitted herewith is our check:

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This Petition is being filed simultaneously with a response to a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated January 27, 2000.

Please charge any additional fee that may be due or credit any overpayment to our deposit Account No. 16-2230. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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